

***What to do if you lose your COVID-19 vaccine card***

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*EJ Hersom, Department of Defense Covid-19 vaccine cards help you remember when to get your second shot.*

*COVID-19 vaccine cards remind recipients when to get a second dose of the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine.*

*The CDC recommends taking a photo of vaccine cards as a backup, but avoid posting them online.*

*Go back to where you got inoculated if you misplace your paper card.*

*Millions of newly inoculated Americans are walking home with paper vaccine cards containing crucial information about their COVID-19 vaccine.*

*The CDC-issued paper COVID-19 vaccine cards serve as reminders for when to get a second dose of the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine. The CDC is not collecting information on who received COVID-19 vaccines, meaning the paper card also works as proof that you've gotten your shot.*

*What happens if you lose the small paper card? You can still get a second dose, but the CDC recommends taking a photo of the card upon receiving it.*

*Here's everything to know about your COVID-19 vaccine card:*

***What are COVID-19 vaccine cards?***

*The Trump administration designed the cards as ways to remind vaccine recipients when to get a second dose. Recipients or their vaccine providers write when they got the first dose and what shot they received on the cards.*

*The Moderna vaccine requires two doses taken four weeks apart, and the Pfizer vaccine requires two shots three weeks apart.*

*The US designed the card system to encourage vaccine recipients to show up for second doses, as some studies show a significant number of women [did not return to get second doses](#) of the human papillomavirus vaccine, which protects against cervical cancer.*

*Though the one shot of Pfizer and BioNTech can [significantly reduce risk](#) of catching infection, the body takes weeks to build immunity. Data from rigorous trials suggested the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines provide near 95% protection against mild COVID-19 and 100% against hospitalization and death, but only when participants followed the two-shot protocol.*

#### **[What do you need COVID-19 vaccine cards for?](#)**

*The Centers for Disease Control [is not collecting vaccine information](#) when Americans go to get shots; the information on paper cards do not go into an online CDC database.*

*Therefore, the vaccine cards can work as proof that you've been inoculated at least once. Many states have their own system for tracking when patients receive vaccines, as do hospitals, clinics, and other organizations store information about vaccines, a [CDC spokesperson](#) told McClatchy News.*

*Some businesses are looking into ways to use proof of vaccines to allow for better opening protocols. The International Air Transport Association, or the trade association of international airlines, is working on ways to digitize vaccine cards.*

*Nick Careen, a senior vice president at IATA, told [The Points Guy](#) paper vaccine cards are easy to forge, but digital versions can help the airline industry reopen. What happens when you lose a COVID-19 card?*

*The federal government suggests taking a photo of your vaccine card in case it gets lost, the Better Business Bureau [warned](#) not to post the pictures on social media. The BBB, a non-profit consumer advocacy group, reported scammers had tried selling fraudulent vaccine cards online.*

*The card also contain personal information that hackers can use to get access to your accounts, the BBB said.*

*The [CDC recommends](#) using [V-safe](#), a free tool that can send reminders on when to get a second dose. V-safe, which requires a smartphone, does not help you schedule vaccine appointments.*

*If you misplace the card without having created a backup, Amesh Adalja, senior scholar at the Johns Hopkins University Center for Health Security told [ABC News](#) to*

*go back to the place you got a shot and ask for a replacement. Knowing the manufacturer (Moderna or Pfizer) and the recommended time to your second shot is imperative for decreasing your chances of infection, [AARP said](#).*

*And, if you can, hold on to your card after getting a second dose in case officials decide to use them for other purposes, like schools, Crystal Tubbs, associate director of pharmacy at Ohio State University, told [Good Housekeeping](#).*

*"Not all medical record systems 'talk' to each other, so this card serves as a backup of the most important information," Tubbs said.*

### ***Perino Breaks Down Over 'Bail Reform' Tragedy: 'Don't Think I've Ever Cried On TV'***

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*Fox News host Dana Perino broke down in tears Thursday while speaking with a domestic violence survivor from Illinois whose 18-month-old son was shot to death by her estranged husband after he returned from jail without having to post bail.*

*Cassandra Tanner Miller has become an advocate for stronger bond conditions as Illinois and other Democrat-run states push to weaken such conditions under the pretense of "social justice" efforts.*

*Tanner was home with her 9-year-old daughter, Camryn, and son Colton when the children's stepfather, Christopher Michael Miller, broke into the home on Sept. 21, 2019, [Fox News reported](#).*

*Miller was released from jail on something called an "I-bond," which allows a person to leave jail without paying any bail as long they promise to return to court for their hearing.*

*Fox News details what happened next:*

*“Are you all ready to die?” asked Tanner, who was supposed to be in court at the time.*

*Her daughter, who attempted to protect her younger brother, was bitten, strangled, and nearly tossed off the second-floor railing.*

*Although Tanner and her daughter were able to escape while Miller was reloading a gun, Tanner’s 18-month-old was shot 10 times in the head and killed.*

*After speaking to the mother, Perino broke into tears over the tragedy.  
“You’re a survivor and a mother,” Perino told Tanner, becoming emotional.*

*“Thank you for sharing your story and I hope the governor is listening.”*

*“Trace, I don’t think I’ve ever cried on TV,” Perino said to her co-anchor Trace Gallagher. “That was really hard.”*

*Perino noted that Tanner’s story is unfortunately replicated across the country. “And I understand that there is concern that cash bail has hurt segments of the population, that minorities are hurt more, but we also have to think about these victims,” she urged.*

*Tanner recently met with Democratic Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker in hopes to dissuade him from signing HB 3653, though the governor ignored her warning and signed the bill.*

*“He absolutely let me down,” the mother said. “I made a plea to him prior to him signing this bill and to hold off and to actually think about victims. ... He completely failed the entire domestic violence community.”*

*The Illinois Republican Party has called HB 3653 “an outgrowth of the ‘defund police’ movement.”*

*“With the ending of cash bail, HB 3653 mandates the immediate release of persons arrested for burglary, arson, and kidnapping onto our streets while they await trial,” a statement from the Republican groups said.*

*“It is no surprise that in a recent statewide poll of law enforcement, 66% of police officer will now consider retiring early. Standing firmly behind the thin blue line, Illinois Republicans are appalled at the signing of this bill representing an all out attack on both public safety and the brave men and women who provide it.”*

*As noted by Fox News, Pritzker has defended the bill as “a substantial step toward dismantling the systemic racism that plagues our communities, our state, and our nation and brings us closer to true safety, true fairness, and true justice.”*

## ***LinkedIn Removes Racist ‘Be Less White’ Diversity Training, Releases Statement Following Backlash***

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*Social media firm LinkedIn has removed a racist diversity training program that encouraged participants to “be less white.”*

*The controversial training program, called “Confronting Racism, with Robin DiAngelo,” was first highlighted in the media after Coca-Cola employee whistleblowers leaked some of the slides.*

*While the company has contended that the program was not mandatory for employees, political YouTuber Karlyn Borysenko, who broke the story, says at least one employee has released an email backing up the claim that the training was required.*

*“The Confronting Racism course featuring Robin DiAngelo is no longer available in our course library, at the request of the 3rd party content provider we licensed this content from,” said LinkedIn vice president of corporate communications Nicole Leverich, [reported](#) Newsweek on Tuesday.*

*“We provide a wide variety of learning content, including more than 270 courses on the topics of diversity, inclusion and belonging,” the statement continued. “We will continue to add new courses to help people learn the skills they need to be more successful in their career, including the foundational skills we all need to be effective allies and help build a more equitable future.”*

*Coca-Cola released a statement Tuesday denying the training was mandatory and “not part of the company’s curriculum.”*

*“The video in question was accessible on a third-party platform and was not part of the company’s curriculum, so it was not required,” the statement said.*

*“Our overall diversity, equity and inclusion training is required and received input from employees reflecting a wide range of backgrounds, views and expertise.”*

As noted by *The Daily Wire*, Borysenko broke the story last week, leaking slides from the training online.

“The real story is that Coca-Cola is one of probably thousands of companies that are having their employees do these courses,” Borysenko told *Newsweek* on Tuesday.

“Why did LinkedIn produce content asking people to be less white? Why are they still hosting this? Coca-Cola is a drop in the bucket.”

*Newsweek* noted that despite Coca-Cola’s claim that the training wasn’t mandatory, “Borysenko said multiple employees at the company say that it indeed had been—at least until Friday, and at least one employee provided her an email she says backs up the assertion.”

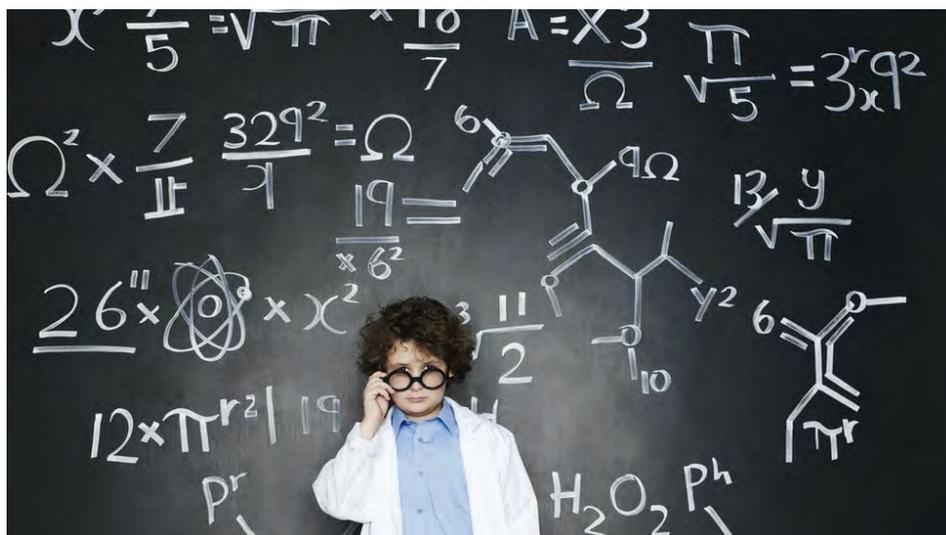
“I can understand sometimes there’s miscommunication between management and employees,” Borysenko said, “but the messaging I’ve seen does use the word ‘required.’ Everything I’ve seen says it was part of the coursework, but then it was removed over the weekend once the news broke.”

As highlighted by *The Daily Wire*, the diversity course in question was created by Robin DiAngelo, who is best known for her 2018 book titled, “*White Fragility: Why It’s So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism.*”

In the course, DiAngelo encourages participants to “be a little less white” by being “less oppressive,” “less arrogant,” “less certain,” “more humble,” and other tips.

### ***Boston Public Schools Will Suspend Advanced Classes Because Too Many Students In Them Are White Or Asian***

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*Fourth, fifth, and sixth graders will not be accepted into advanced classes in Boston for the next year because a majority of students in those classes are white or Asian.*

*GBH News reported that the selective program, called Advanced Work Classes, will suspend enrollment in part because of the pandemic but also because of “concerns about equity.”*

*The school district analyzed the demographics of the program and found that “more than 70 percent of students enrolled in the program were white and Asian, even though nearly 80 percent of all Boston public school students are Hispanic and Black,” GBH reported.*

*“There’s been a lot of inequities that have been brought to the light in the pandemic that we have to address,” Superintendent Brenda Cassellius told the outlet.*

*“There’s a lot of work we have to do in the district to be antiracist and have policies where all of our students have a fair shot at an equitable and excellent education.”*

*Cassellius also explained that only five schools currently offer the advance classes and that interest has declined over the past few years.*

*A Boston Public Schools spokesman told GBH that new students will still be admitted into the advanced program in fourth grade, but that admittance standards would be determined by the schools. Meanwhile, no new fifth or sixth graders will be admitted, though those who are already in the program will remain.*

*The outlet reported that School Committee member Lorna Rivera expressed concern over the findings at a meeting in January while noting that nearly 60% of fourth graders in the advanced program at one school in West Roxbury are white despite the fact that the majority of third graders enrolled in the school are black and Hispanic.*

*“This is just not acceptable,” Rivera said, according to GBH.*

*“I’ve never heard these statistics before, and I’m very, very disturbed by them.”*

*GBH explained how students are enrolled in the program:*

*The program was open to all students in the Boston Public Schools who took a test known as Terra Nova in the third grade and received a high score.*

*Those students were placed in a lottery conducted by the central administration office, and lottery winners received letters inviting them to apply to the program. Last fall, 453 students received invitations, 143 students applied and 116 enrolled this year, officials said.*

*Students in the program have the opportunity to study subjects in greater depth and are offered more schoolwork than the traditional curriculum requires.*

*GBH added that “District officials have launched a working group to determine the long-term future of the program and are expected to make a recommendation in May.”*

*The suspension of the program comes as schools across the country have begun teaching radical critical race theory, creating more classes insisting white supremacy can be found everywhere and denouncing merit-based systems as racist.*

*In San Francisco, [for example](#), the competitive Lowell High School will no longer include a merit-based admissions program, opting instead for a random lottery.*

### ***Quebec researchers say they have found an effective drug to fight COVID-19***

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<https://montreal.ctvnews.ca/quebec-researchers-say-they-have-found-an-effective-drug-to-fight-covid-19-1.5279310>

*A team of researchers from the Montreal Heart Institute believes they have found an effective weapon against COVID-19: colchicine, an oral tablet already known and used for other diseases.*

*For Dr. Jean-Claude Tardif, who led the study, this is a "major scientific discovery" and colchicine is the first "effective oral drug to treat out-of-hospital patients."*

*"To be able to offer this, from Quebec, and for the planet, we are very happy," said Tardif.*

*The ColCorona study involved 4,159 patients whose diagnosis of COVID-19 had been proven by a nasopharyngeal test (PCR).*

*Analysis of the study found that colchicine resulted in reductions in hospitalizations by 25 per cent, the need for mechanical ventilation by 50 per cent, and deaths by 44 per cent.*

*"This is the first hope for patients who have COVID, who are worried and who hope that they will not have complications, there were no tablets that could be taken by mouth and reduce the risks," said Tardif.*

*Doctor Tardif believes that prescribing the drug could help reduce congestion in hospitals quickly and reduce health-care costs here as elsewhere.*

*"Our study showed the effectiveness of treatment using colchicine to prevent the phenomenon of the major inflammatory storm and reduce complications related to COVID-19," said Tardif.*

*Colchicine could be used very quickly to treat people with COVID-19, the researcher says.*

*"Colchicine is old as it is, we've been treating gout with it for hundreds of years, so it's available in pharmacies, so any doctor tomorrow who reads this can definitely decide to prescribe if he wants."*

*On Friday evening, Premier Francois Legault called the study "big news" on social networks.*

*In the spring, Legault said the Colcorona study was one of the largest studies in the world to fight the virus.*

*The randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study was deployed in Canada, the United States, Europe, South America and South Africa.*

*"It was a double-blind study, meaning neither the patient, nor the team that ran the study including me, knew whether the patient was taking the placebo or the drug, there was just a group, independent from us, which was aware," explained Tardif.*

*"We are very proud of the work accomplished, it is a clinically convincing result," he said adding that he assembled a spectacular team from all over Quebec including microbiologists, intensivists, statisticians, computer scientists and epidemiologists,*

*The Centre de Coordination des Essais Cliniques de Montréal (MHICC) of the Montreal Heart Institute coordinated the study.*

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***Rioters Smash Windows, Force Businesses To Board Up In Downtown Portland***  
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*Nathan Howard/Getty Images*

*Suspected members of Antifa demonstrated against President Joe Biden overnight in Portland, Oregon, forcing businesses to board up their windows and doors to protect against vandalism.*

*Around 150 “anti-ICE” (Immigrations and Customs Enforcement) protesters marched through downtown Portland on Saturday night — a continuation of ongoing protests against the Biden administration’s decision to continue deporting some migrants under the Trump administration’s “public safety” rules, and news, which broke last week, of a detention facility for children opening on the United States-Mexico border.*

*Fox News reports that Saturday night’s demonstration, though, was the largest “in weeks.”*

*“Around 150 people marched through Portland’s Pearl District in what’s called a ‘direct action’ event, smashing windows of businesses like Starbucks, Chipotle, Umpqua Bank, and Urban Pantry and tagging them with graffiti, KION-TV in Portland reported,” according to Fox.*

*Although coverage of ongoing unrest in Portland has largely dropped off, the far-left protests have not abated. On the day President Joe Biden was inaugurated, suspected “anti-fascists” vandalized the city’s Democratic party headquarters, and just last month, Federal agents were called in to defend an ICE facility there. They tangled with rioters and, eventually, were forced to deploy non-lethal means of crowd control, including tear gas.*

*“In a city that has seen months of demonstrations over racial injustice, economic inequality, federal law enforcement, and corporate power — and some of the harshest law enforcement responses to such protests — protesters have vowed to continue their actions no matter who is president,” [The New York Times reported in January.](#)*

*“‘We are ungovernable,’ one sign in the crowd said.”*

*The outlet described the incident as a “challenge by anti-fascist and racial-justice protesters to the new administration of President Joe Biden, whose promised reforms, they declared, ‘won’t save us.’”*

*Saturday night’s demonstration was similar and also centered around Biden’s immigration policies, which are markedly different from his predecessors, but still not as radical as the far-left’s.*

*“Profanity-laden slogans and messages like ‘No kids in cages’ were spray-painted all over [ICE’s](#) nearby field office,” Fox News reported.*

*“Portland police began arrests around 10 p.m. ET and warned the protesters if they didn’t disperse they could be subjected to tear gas and impact munitions.”*

*“Police noted in a news release that while tear gas was restricted it could be used following an ignored warning,” they added.*

*“We have removed everything that could possibly cause damage tonight,” one business owner told local media.*

*“When these people come through, and we’ve lost an entire day of business which means that’s impacting my team member’s wages. This has been going on for nine*

*months. Where are our resources? When do we get enough resources to finally go after and fix this?"*

*Protests in Portland began back in May, following the death of George Floyd while in the custody of Minneapolis police. They've continued since and did not stop with a change in administration.*

***Now It's Two: Second Woman Claims Cuomo Sexually Harassed Her***  
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*A second woman who worked for Democrat New York Governor Andrew Cuomo is accusing him of sexual harassment. Charlotte Bennett, 25, worked as an executive assistant and health policy adviser in the Cuomo administration until she left in November. She told [The New York Times](#) that the harassment began in the spring of 2020.*

*The Times reported that Bennett claimed Cuomo, 63, had asked her questions about her sex life, whether her relationships were monogamous, and whether she ever had sex with older men.*

*The interview with the Times was prompted after Bennett reacted to the sexual harassment accusation against Cuomo made by ex-aide Lindsey Boylan on Wednesday by tweeting, "For those wondering what it's like to work for the Cuomo admin, read [@LindseyBoylan's](#) story."*

*The Times then contacted Bennett, who said she wanted to fight back against how Cuomo "wields his power."*

*The Daily Wire [reported](#) on Wednesday:*

On Wednesday, Boylan [wrote](#) a lengthy article on Medium detailing her allegations against Cuomo, beginning with a suggestion the government made while the two were on his taxpayer-funded jet in which he suggested they play “strip poker.”

“That’s exactly what I was thinking,” Boylan said she responded, claiming her statement was made “sarcastically and awkwardly” and that she “tried to play it cool.”

“Governor Andrew Cuomo has created a culture within his administration where sexual harassment and bullying is so pervasive that it is not only condoned but expected. His inappropriate behavior toward women was an affirmation that he liked you, that you must be doing something right.

He used intimidation to silence his critics. And if you dared to speak up, you would face consequences,” Boylan wrote.

Bennett started with the Cuomo administration in early 2019 as a briefer in the Manhattan office. Prior to that, she had graduated from Hamilton College in 2017, where she founded a sexual misconduct task force.

In a matter of months, Bennett was promoted to senior briefer and executive assistant after Cuomo interviewed her; she said they shared connections with Westchester County and she had competed against one of his daughters in middle-school soccer.

Bennett said Cuomo periodically asked her about her dating life, but added, “I saw him more as a father figure. I wasn’t thinking about it as anything sexual.”

But on May 15, 2020, Bennett said, she arrived early in the morning at the Capitol around 7 a.m. to drop off some briefing papers and Cuomo reputedly queried her about her love life and whether she had a relationship with other members of the governor’s staff. The Times examined texts Bennett sent to another Cuomo staff member that discussed the meeting.

The Times reported:

Ms. Bennett said she had mentioned a speech she was scheduled to give to Hamilton students about her experience as a survivor of sexual assault. She said she had been taken aback by Mr. Cuomo’s seeming fixation on that element of her life experience.

“The way he was repeating, ‘You were raped and abused and attacked and assaulted and betrayed,’ over and over again while looking me directly in the eyes was something out of a horror movie,” she wrote in a second text to her friend. “It was like he was testing me.”

Bennett told the Times of the May 15 meeting, “Anything before it I now see differently. I now understand that as grooming.”

On June 5, Bennett claimed, Cuomo asked whether she had a love interest, whether she was monogamous, and whether she had had sex with older men. The Times examined texts that Bennett sent that same day to a friend delineating how upset she was from the meeting.

*She wrote, “Something just happened and I can’t even type it out or put it in a video,” adding that she and Cuomo had discussed “age differences in relationships.” She wrote the next day to her friend, saying Cuomo had queried her about whether she was having sex with others “while in my recent relationships.”*

*“He asked me if I believed if age made a difference in relationships and he also asked me in the same conversation if I had ever been with an older man,” Bennett told the Times, adding that Cuomo told her “he’s fine with anyone above the age of 22,” after the subject of her speech at Hamilton on her 25th birthday came up.*

*“A friend of Ms. Bennett’s, a former Cuomo administration official, said he had spoken to her shortly after the June 5 episode. He confirmed the contours of her account, saying that she had made it clear to him that she believed the governor wanted to have sex with her,” the Times reported.*

*Bennett said that at one point, she and Cuomo had discussed a tattoo she might be getting, and he suggested she put it on her buttocks so a dress would cover it.*

*“Mr. Cuomo said in a statement to The Times on Saturday that he believed he had been acting as a mentor and had ‘never made advances toward Ms. Bennett, nor did I ever intend to act in any way that was inappropriate.’ He said he had requested an independent review of the matter and asked that New Yorkers await the findings ‘before making any judgments,’” the Times reported.*

### ***Sen. Rand Paul Offers Dr. Rachel Levine As Example Of Radical Agenda Riding Biden’s Coattails***

*Jon Brown*



*Caroline Brehman-Pool/Getty Images*

*Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY) discussed his recent contentious questioning of Dr. Rachel Levine with Fox News host Laura Ingraham on Friday, describing the nominee for assistant Health and Human Services (HHS) secretary as an example of the radical leftist agenda being ushered in by President Joe Biden.*

*“The thing is, a lot of people voted for middle-class Joe Biden,” Paul told Ingraham.*

*“He was supposed to have these middle-class, working-class values. My guess is none of them realized that he was going to appoint someone so extreme as to believe that a minor can make a life-altering decision to change their sex, even overriding the parental consent.”*

*“Now, I think they would do it with no parental consent,” Paul continued. “But I think [Levine] would also do it if the parents said no and the kids said yes. She’s also [on record](#) as saying, ‘Well, yeah, and if they’re street kids, we’ll do it even sooner.’ Think of what that really means. That means a homeless child, who’s either had a rotten childhood or no parents or has a mental illness themselves, she’s willing to do the sex change even quicker.”*

*Paul then defended what he asked of Levine as “not a wild question.”*

*“This is a real question, and they are giving these hormones that change the sex — testosterone to girls and estrogen to boys between the ages of 14 and 16 — that’s really ... a crime against nature, and it’s also something that should require parental consent.”*

*Paul made headlines Thursday when he [grilled Levine](#) on the nominee’s support for giving children puberty blockers and sex-change surgeries. Levine refused to answer the question directly, twice reverting instead to a seemingly scripted answer.*

*During the 2020 campaign, former Vice President Mike Pence and others warned that Biden was simply a means by which the radical Left would assert their agenda. As [The Daily Wire reported](#):*

*Vice President Mike Pence warned would-be voters ... that Joe Biden is a candidate who, if elected president, will serve as “a Trojan horse” for the most radical elements of the far Left’s political agenda.*

*Speaking to a group at Ripon College in Ripon, Wisconsin, where the Republican Party was founded in 1854, Pence said he was there “to talk about what’s at stake, and to talk about the choice our nation faces” in the upcoming presidential election.*

*“Our economic recovery is on the ballot, but also are things much more fundamental and foundational to our country,” he continued.*

*“It’s not so much whether America will be more conservative or more liberal, more Republican or Democrat, more red or blue. It’s whether America remains America,” said Pence, who went on to characterize the choice this November as “two paths, one based on the dignity of every individual, and the other on the growing control of the State.”*

***Virginia Is For Stoners: Commonwealth Becomes 16th State To legalize marijuana  
Bill creates a "Cannabis Equity Reinvestment Fund" to help "over-policed"  
communities***

*Joseph Curl*



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*The Virginia Legislature on Saturday voted to legalize marijuana for adult recreational use, becoming the first state in the Old South to do so.*

*The House of Delegates voted 48-43 to pass the bill and the Senate approved it in a 20-19 vote. No Republicans in either chamber voted for the bill. Virginia joins 15 other states and the District of Columbia in legalizing cannabis. The bill now goes to Democratic Gov. Ralph Northam, who supports legalization.*

*Only two other states — Illinois and Vermont — have passed legislation to legalize, tax, and regulate recreational marijuana through the legislature, Politico [reported](#). But stoners will have to wait a bit — legalization won't take effect until Jan 1, 2024. After that, state residents can possess up to one ounce of cannabis.*

*“The bill sets a 21 percent excise tax on marijuana and allows municipalities to add an additional 3 percent tax on retailers on top of existing sales taxes. Marijuana tax revenues would be used to fund pre-K education, substance use disorder treatment programs and other public health initiatives,” Politico reported.*

*“A portion of revenues would also go toward a Cannabis Equity Reinvestment Fund, which would provide resources such as scholarships and workforce development for communities disproportionately impacted by drug enforcement.”*

*“It's been a lot of work to get here, but I would say that we're on the path to an equitable law allowing responsible adults to use cannabis,” said Sen. Adam Ebbin, the chief sponsor of the Senate bill, [according](#) to The Associated Press.*

*House Majority Leader Charniele Herring said the legislation is a “justice bill.”*

*“This moves us in a ... direction to strike down and to address those institutional barriers, and over-policing, over-arrests, over-convictions of African Americans who do not use marijuana at a higher rate than our white counterparts, but we seem to get the brunt of criminal convictions,” Herring said.*

*“Several Democrats said they hoped Northam would send the legislation back to them with amendments, including speeding up the date for legalization,” said the AP.*

*“If we have already made the decision that simple possession should be repealed, we could have done that today and ended the disproportionate fines on communities of color,” said Sen. Jennifer McClellan.*

*“Let’s be absolutely clear — this bill is not legalization, and there are a lot of steps between here and legalization,” she said.*

*Northam’s spokeswoman, Alena Yarmosky, said the governor “looks forward to continuing to improve this legislation.”*

*The bill calls for dedicating 30% of marijuana tax revenue to a “Cannabis Equity Reinvestment Fund.” That money would be used “to help communities that have been historically over-policed for marijuana crimes, with funds going toward scholarships, workforce development and job placement services, and low- or no-interest loans for qualified cannabis businesses,” said the AP.*

*“Virginians who have a marijuana-related conviction, have family members with a conviction, or live in an area that is economically distressed could qualify as social equity applicants who would get preference for licenses to get into the marijuana marketplace as cultivators, wholesalers, processors and retailers.”*

***Governor Andrew Cuomo Releases Statement Apologizing For Behavior Following Sexual Harassment Allegations***

*Daily Wire News*



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*New York Democratic Governor Andrew Cuomo released a statement on Sunday afternoon apologizing for his behavior after two women came forward and claimed that he sexually harassed them while they worked in his administration.*

*The statement from Cuomo comes after “Lindsey Boylan, a candidate for Manhattan borough president who formerly worked for Cuomo and the state’s economic development agency, revealed in a blog post on Wednesday that the governor had kissed her without her consent and asked her to play strip poker,” Politico reported.*

*“Then, on Saturday, The New York Times reported that Charlotte Bennett, a former executive assistant and health policy adviser to Cuomo, was also sexually harassed by the governor, including inappropriate questions about her sex life.”*

*“Questions have been raised about some of my past interactions with people in the office,” the statement began.*

*“I never intended to offend anyone or cause any harm. I spend most of my life at work, and colleagues are often also personal friends. At work sometimes I think I am being playful and make jokes that I think are funny. I do, on occasion, tease people in what I think is a good natured way. I do it in public and in private. You have seen me do it at briefings hundreds of times. I have teased people about their personal lives, their relationships, about getting married or not getting married.”*

*“I mean no offense and only attempt to add some levity and banter to what is a very serious business,” Cuomo continued.*

*“I now understand that my interactions may have been insensitive or too personal and that some of my comments, given my position, made others feel in ways I never intended. I acknowledge some of the things I have said have been misinterpreted as an unwanted flirtation. To the extent anyone felt that way, I am truly sorry about that.”*

*“To be clear I never inappropriately touched anybody and I never propositioned anybody and I never intended to make anyone feel uncomfortable, but these are allegations that New Yorkers deserve answers to,” the statement concluded.*

*“That’s why I have asked for an outside, independent review that looks at these allegations. Separately, my office has heard anecdotally that some people have reached out to Ms. Bennett to express displeasure about her coming forward. My message to anyone doing that is you have misjudged what matters to me and my administration and you should stop now – period.”*

*White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki discussed the issue on CNN’s “State of the Union” on Sunday and suggested that Biden believed the essence of the claims that were being made.*

*“Charlotte should be treated with respect and dignity. So should Lindsey,” Psaki said. “And there should be an independent review looking into these allegations. And that’s certainly something [Biden] supports and we believe should move forward as quickly as possible.”*

### ***What Prince Harry Told Oprah Winfrey About Princess Diana and Meghan Markle***

*Jack Royston*

*Prince Harry invoked Princess Diana's memory with [Meghan Markle](#) by his side and said: "My biggest concern was history repeating itself."*



*Samir Hussein/WireImage/Getty Prince Harry and Meghan Markle arrive to the Amazing the Space, Eikon Centre during their visit to Northern Ireland on March 23, 2018 in Lisburn, Northern Ireland, United Kingdom. They have done an interview with Oprah Winfrey for CBS.*

*Oprah Winfrey is seen in preview clips of their interview saying "you've said some pretty shocking things here" and adding: "Were you silent or were you silenced?"*

*The Duke and Duchess of Sussex's tell-all will run from 8pm to 10pm ET on March 7 and is expected to include searing criticism of the British media.*

*Royal watchers will be eager to know whether the couple also accuse the palace or any royal family members during their [discussion of the pressure Meghan experienced](#).*

*For now, it is only [Prince Harry's](#) contribution that has been publicized by the network with the royal comparing Meghan's experience with his mother's.*

*In a clip released by [CBS](#), Harry tells Oprah: "I'm just really relieved and happy to be sitting here talking to you with my wife by my side because I can't begin to imagine what it must have been like for her going through this process by herself all those years ago.*

*"Because it has been unbelievably tough for the two of us. But at least we had each other."*

*As he speaks, a still image of Princess Diana holding him as a child plays in the background.*

*In other clips, the prince said: "My biggest concern was history repeating itself." Princess Diana and her boyfriend Dodi Fayed died in a Paris crash in August 1997 as paparazzi photographers chased the car they were passengers in.*

*The tragedy came just a year after her divorce from [Prince Charles](#) was finalized in 1996, following their separation years earlier in 1992.*

*Diana's traumatic experience of the palace has been [brought to life in the most recent season](#) of *The Crown*, which [depicted her bulimia and loneliness](#) while Prince Charles carried out an affair with Camilla, now his wife the Duchess of Cornwall.*

*It is unclear from the preview clips whether Prince Harry's comparisons go beyond his previously well publicized attacks on the media to discussion of the couple's relationship with palace staff or even the royals.*

*Oprah said in the preview: "I just want to make it clear to everybody there is no subject that's off limits."*

*Oprah's question about whether Meghan had been "silenced" also hints at claims made by Meghan's lawyers in court filings as part of her lawsuit against the *Mail on Sunday*.*

*The duchess' lawyers wrote: "[Meghan] had become the subject of a large number of false and damaging articles by the UK tabloid media, specifically by the defendant [the publisher of the *Mail on Sunday*], which caused tremendous emotional distress and damage to her mental health.*

*"As her friends had never seen her in this state before, they were rightly concerned for her welfare, specifically as she was pregnant, unprotected by the Institution, and prohibited from defending herself."*

*The filing added: "This shared frustration amongst [Meghan]'s friends left everyone feeling silenced, as it appeared that other so-called sources were able to disseminate false statements about [Meghan], while the people who knew her best were told that they needed to remain silent."*